

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Implementing a Nationwide, Broadband,)	PS Docket No. 06-229
Interoperable Public Safety Network in the 700)	
MHz Band)	

To: Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

**700 MHz PUBLIC SAFETY BROADBAND QUARTERLY REPORT #5
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Pursuant to the Commission's *Waiver Order*,¹ the District of Columbia ("District") here provides this 700 MHz Public Safety Broadband Quarterly Report.

Planning. The District has initiated a region-wide planning process covering all six states in FEMA Region III: Delaware, the District, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. A regional project, under the FEMA-III Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program (RCPGP), will be the focus of planning activity and will include representation from Statewide Interoperability Coordinators. One area of particular attention in the District is the coordination required with the Commonwealth of Virginia and their Statewide Area Radio System (STARS). STARS is an incumbent Virginia State Police narrowband voice repeater system operating in a portion of the 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum. Preliminary analysis was done this past quarter on the protection issues in the vicinity of the District of Columbia. The District is also

¹ *In the Matter of Requests for Waiver of Various Petitioners to Allow the Establishment of 700 MHz Interoperable Public Safety Wireless Broadband Networks*, PS Docket No. 06-229, FCC 10-79 (May 12, 2010) ("*Waiver Order*"), ¶ 64.

continuing to participate in the PSST Operator Advisory Committee (OAC) activities and study items of the Public Safety Communications Research (PSCR) project.

Funding. The District is continuing to analyze funding sources and awaiting the outcome of congressional legislation on the governance and funding of a nationwide public safety broadband network.

Deployment. The District already has 12 sites fully prepared as a result of its earlier 700 MHz broadband pilot initiatives. Deployment planning will be on hold until there is more clarity on funding and an appropriate procurement vehicle.

Respectfully submitted,

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